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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Filed: Herewith

APPLICATION BRANCH

Serial No. (to be assigned)

For: A DEVICE FOR AND A METHOD OF
MILKING ANIMAL, A DEVICE FOR MONITORING
AN ANIMAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the above-identified Application which is being filed under 35 USC Sec. 111(a). Priority of February 13, 2001 is claimed based on Netherlands Patent Application No. 1017354 which was filed in the Netherlands on February 13, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice all claims except Claims 1, 2 and 36-40 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple-dependent claims from subject Application to establish a Filing Fee. It is to be understood, nevertheless, that the claims originally set forth in subject Application prior to this Preliminary Amendment remain part of the original disclosure of the